

## CONFERENCE TABLE PLACE TO ADJUST DISPUTES—HARDING

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]  
WASHINGTON, May 12.—The hope was expressed by President Harding in an address tonight at a banquet of the National League of Masonic Clubs that he would see the day when men in responsible positions, speaking for their people, "could gather around a conference table to adjust their disputes."

"If the peoples of the world can only understand each other," he said, "and if men in authority can only face each other in speaking for the several peoples, there will never be another conflict to block the progress of civilization. Rather than to contemplate a conflict or to enter into one, I would rather sit at a table and settle it in advance."

In suggesting that the problems of reconstruction were more serious than those of war, he admonished his audience that "it is up to you to put our republic in the straightforward track of peace and constructiveness again."

"When he is right, we will be helping the whole world to get on the right track again," he said.

The president said that if he had one outstanding ambition it was that he might contribute to the promotion of the spirit of fraternity and good-fellowship in the republic during his administration.

In a tribute to the principles for which Free Masonry stands, Mr. Harding declared that "all America respects the great Masonic order."

"I have yet to see or hear or know anything in Masonry from first to last," said the president, "that has not made me a better man."

General Pershing and Major General Lejeune, commandant of the marine corps, were among the guests.

Resolutions adopted pledged support to the administration of "Brother" Warren G. Harding, endorsed the movement to rebuild the village of Belleau as an American memorial in France and set Nov. 4 as "Washington's Masonic birthday."

With the nomination of Mr. Blair held up by the fight of Senator Johnson, a republican of California, against his confirmation, the office of internal revenue commissioner today became technically vacant, the 30-day term of Mr. Blair expiring by legal limitation.

Secretary Mellon, of the treasury department, took over the commissioner's functions temporarily. Further testimony on Senator Johnson's charges that Mr. Blair, as a delegate to the republican national convention, violated the North Carolina primary law in failure to vote for Senator Johnson, and also that, because of an income tax suit, involving his father-in-law and wife, Mr. Blair should be disqualified, was taken today by the committee.

Marion Butler, former senator from North Carolina, and Robert McNeil, a lawyer, testified regarding the republican primary last June. Both were said to have informed the committee that the primary was not regarded as binding on the delegates, but was an expression of opinion only. This view was said to have been sharply opposed by Senator Johnson.

Alleged Murderer  
Of Four Husbands  
Held At Honolulu

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tonight called to Honolulu authorities to guard Mrs. Lydia Southard, under arrest there for alleged responsibility for the death of four husbands, a brother and a baby, against a possible attempt to take her own life. Sheriff E. R. Sherwin left here tonight for Boise, where tomorrow he will receive extradition papers from Governor Davis for Mrs. Southard's return to Twin Falls.

Diamond Theft Causes Arrest

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—The arrest at Honolulu today of Mrs. Lydia Southard, who is charged with murdering her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, at Twin Falls, Idaho, was the outcome of the theft of a diamond, with suspicion pointing at the woman, it was stated here today by V. H. Ormsby, deputy sheriff of Twin Falls.

Ormsby, who came here three weeks ago searching for Mrs. Southard, said details of the charges concerning the diamond were in the possession of Frank Stephen, prosecuting attorney at Twin Falls.

The deputy sheriff of the information that Mrs. Southard had come to Los Angeles from Twin Falls was supplied by Mrs. Mary James of the Idaho city, who was said to have obtained employment here for the suspected woman and to have lived with her for a time in Los Angeles.

Shortly after he arrived here, Ormsby said, he learned that the woman, then known as Mrs. Meyer, had married Paul Vincent Southard, chief petty officer of the U. S. S. Monterey, now in Hawaiian waters, and had gone to Honolulu with him.

Ormsby said he had called to Southard asking if he "ever knew a woman named Lydia Meyer," and had received in answer a denial that Southard had known a woman of that name, but had known an "Ida Meyer," a school teacher in the east.

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temporary address as the "sheriff's office, Los Angeles."

The 35-year-old man said he would leave soon for San Francisco, where his wife, also a deputy sheriff, would join him, and they would go together to Honolulu to take Mrs. Southard back to Twin Falls.

Expect House Will  
Vote Favorably on  
Tincher Bill Today

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 12.—A final vote on the Tincher bill to regulate dealings in grain futures was blocked today by Representative Walsh, republican of Massachusetts, who demanded a reading of an engrossed copy of the bill which was not available.

Vote on passage, however, had been ordered by the house and it will be the first order of business tomorrow.

Representative Tincher, republican of Kansas, author of the measure, said he was confident it would be passed despite evidence of opposition of the proposal today.

Opponents contended it would authorize unwarranted governmental interference in business and declared many of the provisions were too drastic. Proponents held that the measure would check manipulation of grain prices and would prove beneficial to farmers.

Amendments offered today were either voted down or ruled out on points of order. Several making minor changes, however, were approved.

Favorable action was advocated by Representative Mondell, who declared that it "meets the expectations of those who desire to stop gambling in the grain markets and does not unduly curtail those operations which are essential to the welfare of farmers."

Representative Blanton, Democrat of Texas, declared that the bill would license gambling in grain and Representative Jeffers, Republican of Nebraska, asserted the proposal was camouflage that "won't help the farmer."

DRUNKENNESS SENT  
BIRDMEN TO DEATH,  
WITNESS TESTIFIES

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

CHICAGO, May 12.—Charges of negligence, negligence and drunkenness were made today by a witness at an investigation of recent deaths in the air mail service being conducted by Charles H. Clapham, postal inspector.

The charges were made by C. C. Eversole, former mail pilot, who was discharged after he had made a parachute leap from his plane near Minneapolis last February in what he said was an effort to escape a crash.

Eversole declared that the real reason for his discharge was that he had told postal inspectors of the neglect and inefficiency at various fields.

The chief German junker planes that cost the government \$225,000 also cost the lives of seven pilots, Eversole testified. Five were hopelessly wrecked and the others withdrawn because pilots refused to fly in them.

He said, "Twenty-five De Havilland planes, known to the public as ash cans, were withdrawn for the same reason."

According to the witness, attaches of the flying field would lay odds of four to one that one of the De Havillands would never reach their destination. He also testified that several of the officials of the local field often appeared on the field while intoxicated.

3 HELD BY POLICE  
FOLLOWING DEATH  
OF TULSA JURIST

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

TULSA, Okla., May 12.—Details of events leading up to the death last night of Judge John Devereux, former Oklahoma supreme court commissioner, remained unknown tonight after a day during which the most sensational development was the arrest of A. P. Dixon, an oil man, and Jesse James, nurse of the dead man, and Goldie Gordon, an artist's model and companion.

Dixon, superintendent of a large oil refinery, was arrested when it was learned he occupied a room next to Mrs. James and Miss Gordon. Police declared further investigation proved Devereux was found wounded and under the influence of poison Monday in Dixon's room at the hotel, and not in his own, with Mrs. James, as they had first believed.

The two women pleaded "not guilty" and were committed to jail without bond, pending a hearing Monday. The result of an autopsy performed at the order of the county attorney and made public today precipitated the filing of charges against the women. The autopsy found that death was probably due to a blood clot on the brain, caused by a heavy blow, and to excessive use of drugs.

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## Whiz Bang Was The Exception; He Paid No Fine

It has been the custom for several months among the prisoners in the county jail to bring each new prisoner before the kangaroo court for trial on some freak charge. The prisoner is always found guilty by the court and assessed a fine. The fines are used to buy canteens. No prisoner escapes a trial in the kangaroo court but yesterday afternoon a prisoner was placed in jail who proved an exception to the rule.

He was booked in the jailer's office under the name of Whiz Bang, and the kangaroo court, after one look at him, adjourned the court and dismissed the charge.

Whiz Bang spoke a language that none of the other prisoners could speak and the question was raised as to whether or not he was forced to let him into jail without a trial.

Whiz Bang was arrested and placed in jail by Sheriff Price on a charge of fighting and disturbing the peace. The fighting charge was not surprising, for Whiz Bang was born to fight and his method of disturbing the peace was learned from four other members of his race after he came to Phoenix. He was charged with disturbing the peace and quiet of the citizens in the night time and the early morning hours.

Last night Whiz Bang furnished a ball of 25 and was removed from the county jail by Price and later appeared in a six round bout at the Elks lodge rooms with an unknown fighter. Whiz Bang is a pit game cock owned by Price, who placed him in the outer corridor of the jail for safekeeping until he took him to the Elks rooms.

Holland Anxious  
For U. S. Capital  
to Exploit Fields

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 12.—Netherlands legislation does not draw any distinction between Dutch and foreign capital in the exploitation of oil fields, and the government desires to see American capital take part in such exploitation, says Holland's reply to the recent American note concerning concessions in the Djambi oil fields in the Dutch East Indies.

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## FOREIGN EXCHANGE SHOWS BIG GAIN IN MARKET QUOTATIONS

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NEW YORK, May 12.—International money markets, as represented by foreign exchange, were further stimulated today by Germany's acceptance of the allied reparations ultimatum. Demand sterling, or bills on London, rose to 74, the highest reached by that remittance since April, 1920, when they touched \$4.07.

French and Belgian francs showed an over-night gain of about 20 points and were at maximum levels for any period since the armistice.

The Italian lire rose 12 points; guilders, or Dutch exchange, gained 8 points, and marks, or German bills, sold at an over-night gain of one-tenth of a cent, rising to 170.

Exchange on the several Scandinavian countries was higher by 5 to 20 points, but the greatest gain of any minor country was made by Greece, the drachma rising 75 points to \$4.80.

Dealers reported the largest general operations of any day in several months.

Much of the buying represented covering by shorts who had depressed the market recently on the theory that Germany would fail to meet the allied demands.

Progress Slow in  
Effort to Reach  
Wage Settlement

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

WASHINGTON, May 12.—While conferences between representatives of the unions involved in the marine wage controversy are being held here, little progress has been reported in efforts to reach a satisfactory agreement.

Secretary Davis had a brief conversation today with D. D. Healy, chairman of the joint council of engineers, but it was described by union representatives "as of little importance."

The secretary has talked with one or more representatives of the union every day since formal conferences of oil fields, and the government desires to see American capital take part in such exploitation, says Holland's reply to the recent American note concerning concessions in the Djambi oil fields in the Dutch East Indies.

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TALKS POLISH CAUSE—Paderewski, Polish pianist-statesman, called on President Harding and discussed the problems of his country with the new executive.

be little likelihood of Secretary Davis' efforts at a general settlement being successful.

Ask Benson's Removal  
BALTIMORE, Md., May 12.—Today for the first time since the strike of marine workers called on May 1, three American vessels cleared the port of Baltimore on the same day.

It was learned today from shipping board officials that the executives of the board in Washington have issued orders that no matter regarding the strike was to be given out for publication.

Expressing the opinions of the unions that the strong stand which Admiral Benson has taken is the chief stumbling block in the way of arbitration or reconciliation of any nature, Henry F. Broehning, president of the Baltimore Federation of Labor, today sent a telegram to President Harding asking that Admiral Benson be removed.

Of the 72,052 persons in the state of Virginia who served in the world war and who are entitled to the victory medal with the various battle clasps, fewer than 15,000 have made application for their medals.

Mrs. R. T. Lyman of Boston has been appointed an honorary corporal of the First division of the D. M. S. J. She has the further distinction of being the first woman ever to review the troops of this famous division.

Airplane pilots in the United States army during the world war spent 35,747 hours over the lines, participating in 150 bombing raids, and dropping 255,000 pounds of explosives.

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